
Mission

To provide free legal services to very low income families in Seminole County. Our mission is to provide very low income persons access to the legal system to empower them to become self-sufficient, improve their quality of life, and protect abused spouses, children and vulnerable senior citizens. The organization has been providing these services to the indigent community since 1975. Services are provided with the assistance of staff attorneys, a support staff and a panel of volunteer attorneys and laypersons.

Business Strategy

Section 28.2401 of the Florida Statutes provides for the inclusion of a \$16.00 filing fee to be used by governments for the specific purpose of providing and maintaining a legal aid program.

As of July 2004, per Article V, Legal Aid will become a local requirement and funded through the General Fund as mandated in Florida Statute 29.008.

Cases pursued by the Legal Aid Society are of a civil (non-criminal) nature, specifically in the areas of family law, landlord/tenant rights, and guardianship law and elderly law.

In FY 2001/2002, the Legal Aid Society obtained \$310,502 in child support, alimony and child support arrears for low income families in Seminole County. This income support not only helps the direct recipient but also flows immediately to our local economies, generating income and jobs for working Seminole County residents that would otherwise be lost in our County.

Objectives

Continue to provide free legal assistance and to improve the quality of life for indigent individuals in Seminole County.

Department:	JUDICIAL	Seminole County
Division:	LEGAL AID	FY 2003/04
Section:		FY 2004/05

	2001/02 Actual Expenditures	2002/03 Adopted Budget	2003/04 Adopted Budget	Percent Change 2003/04 Budget over 2002/03 Budget	2004/05 Approved Budget	Percent Change 2004/05 Budget over 2003/04 Budget
EXPENDITURES:						
Personal Services	0	0	0		0	
Operating Services	256,936	248,052	280,000	12.9%	295,000	5.4%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0		0	
Debt Service	0	0	0		0	
Grants and Aid	0	0	0		0	
Reserves/Transfers	0	0	0		0	
Subtotal Operating	256,936	248,052	280,000	12.9%	295,000	5.4%
Capital Improvements	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	256,936	248,052	280,000	12.9%	295,000	5.4%
FUNDING SOURCE (S)						
General Fund	256,936	248,052	280,000	12.9%	295,000	5.4%
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCE (S)	256,936	248,052	280,000	12.9%	295,000	5.4%
Full Time Positions	0	0	0		0	
Part-Time Positions	0	0	0		0	

New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2003/04

New Programs and Highlights for Fiscal Year 2004/05

Capital Improvements	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Total Project Cost	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact	0	0	0	0	0